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25X1 SOURCE [redacted]

During the night of 21 February 1953, several troop trains were unloaded at the Rathenow railroad station. The unloaded units probably left for the Infanterie Kaserne [redacted]. At 5:30 p.m. on 24 February, [redacted] trucks with covered numbers and 12 rocket launchers, which probably came from the Kraftfahrer Kaserne, were loaded on a train consisting of 10 boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars. [redacted] On 27 February, the Infanterie Kaserne appeared to be occupied to capacity. Source counted 500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen en route to the installation. In the Pionier Kaserne, source counted 750 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Motor vehicles of the [redacted] were seen en route to the installation. The Kraftfahrer Kaserne was occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Motor vehicles [redacted] were observed there. On 23 February, 1,250 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and stationed in the Infanterie Kaserne and the Pionier Kaserne participated in a wreath depositing ceremony.<sup>3</sup>

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1. [redacted] Comment. The trains which had been unloaded during the night of 21 February, probably carried units of the 65th Mort Brig (US) stationed in the Infanterie Kaserne. According to reports on transportation, these units went from Riesa to Rathenow on two trains on 21 February. [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Comment. It is fairly definitely believed that the entrained units belonged to the 25th RL Brig, which thus is confirmed in the Kraftfahrer Kaserne. According to [redacted] the train went to Luebbenau [redacted] where the abovementioned units probably participated in exercises of the Third Gds Mecz Army in the area northwest of Cottbus in late February. [redacted]

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3. [redacted] Comment. Except for elements of the 25th RL Brig stationed in the Kraft-fahrer Kaserne, the bulk of the units of the 6th Arty Div can again be carried in their quarters in Rathenow on 27 February.

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